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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.

18391.012

First Inventor

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Title

LOWER EXTREMITY STRETCHING DEVICE

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages **13**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
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 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
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 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **3**]
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
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14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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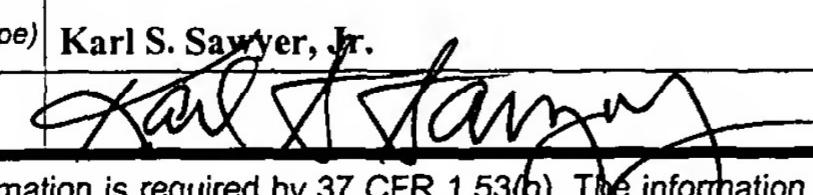
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| First Named Inventor | Joseph J. Estwanik |
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| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1001 750 | 2001 375 | Utility filing fee | | 375.00 | |
| 1002 330 | 2002 165 | Design filing | | | |
| 1003 520 | 2003 260 | Plant filing fee | | | |
| 1004 750 | 2004 375 | Reissue filing | | | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\\$) | \$375.00 | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

| | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Independent Claims | 4 - 3** = | 1 X <input type="text"/> | = 42.00 |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 84 | 2201 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 280 | 2203 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 84 | 2204 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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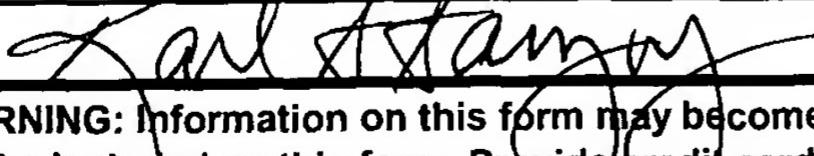
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| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non - English specification | | | |
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| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | | | |
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| 1402 320 | 2402 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | | |
| 1403 280 | 2403 140 | Request for oral hearing | | | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | | | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | | | |
| 1453 1,300 | 2453 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | | | |
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| 1503 630 | 2503 315 | Plant issue fee | | | |
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| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Statement | | | |
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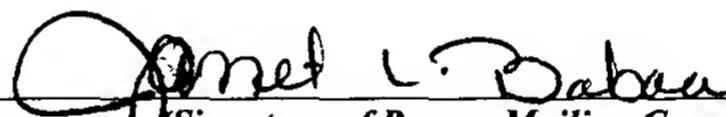
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Invention: LOWER EXTREMITY STRETCHING DEVICE

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Patent Application Transmittal, Fee Transmittal, Patent Application (13 pages), Formal Drawings (3 sheets), Declaration and Power of Attorney, Nonpublication Request Under 35 USC 122 (b)(2)(B)(i) and check: \$417.00*(Identify type of correspondence)*

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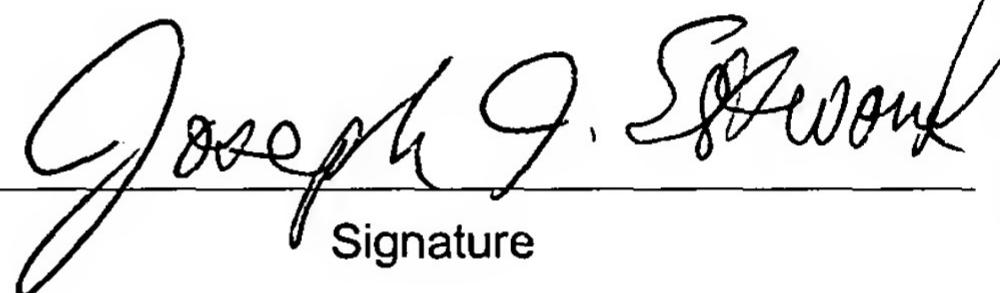
**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
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| First Named Inventor | Joseph J. Estwanik |
| Title | LOWER EXTREMITY STRETCHING DEVICE |
| Atty Docket Number | 18391.012 |

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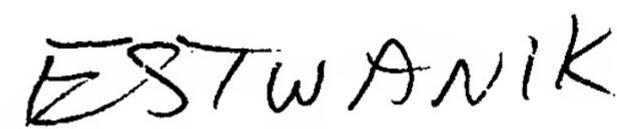
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